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## BAD WEATHER IS BOTHERING

Only a Few of the Gill Net-  
ters Were Able to Lift  
Yesterday.

There was but little doing in the fish line here this morning, the only off shore reported being sch. Jubilee from Georges handlining, with 23,000 pounds of salt cod and 600 weight of fresh halibut.

On account of the heavy westerly gale outside yesterday, nearly all the gill netters put back without lifting their nets. Five of the crafts, however, ventured outside and brought in a total of 42,000 pounds, mostly pollock. The largest fare landed was by the Enterprise, which had 17,000 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Jubilee, Georges handlining, 32,000 lbs. salt cod, 600 lbs. fresh halibut.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Cape Shore, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Flora L. Oliver, shore.  
Sch. Stranger, shore.  
Sch. Jorgina, shore.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., shore.  
Sch. Leonora Silveria, shore.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.  
Sch. Leonora Silveria, shore.  
Sch. Adeline, shore.  
Sch. Priscilla, shore.  
Sch. Flavilla, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland herring trip.  
Sch. Juno, haddocking.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.  
Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.  
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Norma, eastern deck handlining.  
Sch. Priscilla, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75, snappers, \$2.75.  
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.  
Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.  
Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.  
Fledged halibut, 10c per lb.  
Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.  
Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish not killed 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.  
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.  
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

## THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL

Capt. McDonald Plans To  
Take Halibut Schooner  
to Pacific Coast.

Capt. Daniel McDonald, one of the successful halibut catchers from this port, plans to remove to the Pacific coast later on and engage in the halibut fishery out of British Columbia, with headquarters at Prince Rupert. Capt. McDonald is having the sch. Quannapowitt, of which he recently took command, fitted with two large engines for auxiliary power. He will probably remain here for a time yet, however, later taking his craft to the west coast, if the Panama canal is open in time, or through the Straits of Magellan.

## THE DOGFISH BOUNTY AGAIN

Charles E. Davis of Portland, who has worked early and late for a federal law providing for a bounty on dogfish, and the erection of reducing plants along the coast for the purpose of utilizing these fish in the manufacture of fertilizer, has had a number of interviews with Senator Obadiah Gardner of Maine and that gentleman promised to introduce Mr. Davis's bill and to do his best to secure its passage.

Senator Gardner said that he would have the co-operation of Senator Johnson in the matter, and that he had been promised the aid of the middle West senators in anything that would help the farmers.

Mr. Davis said yesterday that he regards his long fight for a bounty on the dogfish to have been virtually won. He will now write a letter to President Taft, asking him to send a special message to Congress on the subject and make it a non-partisan matter.

### Foreign Mackerel.

Circulars have been issued to the trade on this side stating that a combination has been formed in Christian-sand, Norway, comprising about 80 per cent. of the mackerel exporters and holders, says the Fishing Gazette. The object is said to be the making of uniform and remunerative prices for Norway mackerel. The New York trade believe that, if the compact is lived up to, higher prices for Norway mackerel will come after the first of next year.

There is an easier feeling in No. 4 Norways, but Nos. 2 and 3 are quite firm and No. 1 is very steady and inclined to advance. Not much doing in Irish, which is dull and nominal. Receipts of salt mackerel at Boston last week included 333 bbls. from Canada and 324 bbls. from Ireland. Imports of new salt mackerel at Boston up to last week are given as 20,913 bbls., compared with 26,289 bbls. at the same date in 1911. The report on Irish mackerel shipments from Liverpool for week to November 30 is as follows: Shipments this week to Boston, str. Winifredian, 1000 bbls.; Michigan, 125. To Baltimore, str. Templemore, 50. To New Orleans, str. Historian, 200. To St. John, str. Corsican, 100. To Portland, str. Teutonic, 400. To San Francisco, str. Centurian, 25. Total for week, 2000 bbls. Total shipments to date: Irish autumn, 19,793 bbls.; Norway autumn, 7042. An additional shipment of 1000 bbls. was made per str. Winifredian. This week the first two days brought shipments of 162 bbls. to Boston.

### Like Cows Milk.

Prof. Nelson of Rutgers College, in a recent article stated that oysters come nearer in composition to cow's milk than do most other meats, as all the four kinds of nutriment needed are present in good degree. Oysters have a larger excess of the flesh building substance, relative to the other constituents, than milk, so we "balance the ration" by addition of starchy food and fats when eating oysters, thus securing a good meal at a cost that compares favorably with that when other meats are chosen.

### DR. GRENFELL'S NEW PROJECT.

Institute for Fishermen and Seamen  
Opens Doors in St. John's, N. F.

Word has been received by the secretary of the New England Grenfell Association of the formal opening Thursday of the Fishermen's and Seamen's Institute at St. John's, Newfoundland. The governor of the province, the mayor, premier and other dignitaries attended the occupation.

The institute is an international home for seafarers, the money for its erection being raised by Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell's lecture tour in England, Canada and the United States. The building is of brick construction, four stories high, located on the harbor front. The entire top floor is devoted to schooner girls—the majority of the fishing schooners having a girl cook. There is a special entrance to these quarters where there is a kitchen, social and dining rooms and bedrooms, four of which were given by the guild of Emmanuel Church in Boston. These quarters also serve the purpose of a Y. W. C. A. but are in no way connected with that association. On the lower floor is a men's dormitory containing 75 bedrooms. There is a reading-room furnished by the Lend-a-Hand Society of Boston in memory of Dr. Edward Everett Hale, who was a close friend of Dr. Grenfell Hall, which is furnished by the New England Grenfell Association in honor of Dr. Grenfell's mother, and an officers' room for ships' officers which is dedicated in memory of Captain John Wesley Roberts who was lost at sea from his schooner Lorna Doone while bound from Boston to St. Anthony with supplies for the mission there. The money for this room was raised through the efforts of Captain Roberts' friends in this country. There is also a restaurant and a swimming pool. As most of the seamen in that part of the country do not know how to swim and many lives have been lost on this account the swimming pool will be most beneficial.

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### After Donahue's Job.

A much livelier and keener contest than anyone imagined has developed in the race for appointment of commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of Maine. Five candidates for the position are now in the field and there is even a possibility that more men may enter the field. In addition to Commissioner James Donahue of Rockland, who is after a re-appointment, Melville W. Trefethen of Portland, N. J. Hanna of New Harbor, Abner Johnson of Small Point and William Mayo of Castine are after the position. The two last named are new comers in the field and it is their coming that has complicated the situation. Each one of the aspirants says he has a strong backing. There is no way of telling who is in the lead so that not until the Governor makes his appointment will there be any indication as to who will be the successful one.

### Portland Fish Notes.

Instead of doing a business that takes him aimlessly along the main coast to all the ports of Maine, wherever he might secure freight, Capt. Fred Kent has decided that he will run his schooner, the Sadie A. Kimball, regularly between Portland and Boothbay. He has already been assured of large freights by the dealers of that town. Capt. Kent has leased a wharf and a building and will begin the new service about the first of the year. He is now on the way to this port with salt fish from Southwest Harbor, but on his return, he will start the new service.

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### Arrived at Pensacola.

Sch. Emelia Enos arrived at Pensacola, Florida, Wednesday, with 50,000 pounds of snappers and 8000 pounds of groupers, after being out 18 days.

## Dec. 23. WITH TURKEY IN PLAIN SIGHT

Prices of Fresh Fish at T  
Wharf Hold Up Amazing-  
ingly Well.

The week started off well at T wharf. Boston, this morning, a fleet of 25 crafts being at the dock this morning when the bell sounded.

Several off shores are included in the lot, the largest fares being schs. Romance, 37,000 pounds; Gladys and Nellie, 34,000 pounds; Laverna, 68,000 pounds; Stiletto, 30,000 pounds; steam trawler Spray, 62,000 pounds.

Quite a number of the little cod netters are also in with small fares of market fish.

Considering it is but a few days before Christmas when trade is generally dull, prices were well up, haddock selling at \$4 to \$5.50 a hundred, pounds, large cod, \$5 to \$5.25; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$3 to \$5.50 and cusk, \$2.25 to 3. Pollock remained about the same, bringing \$1.25 to \$1.35.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Romance, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Yankee, 5500 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 17,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Laverna, 37,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 7500 hake.  
Sch. Stiletto, 3500 haddock, 18,000 cod, 9000 hake.  
Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 800 hake, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 2300 haddock, 600 cod, 200 hake.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 200 haddock, 3900 cod, 4000 hake, 2500 pollock.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 hake, 1500 cusk.  
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 19,000 haddock, 2500 cod.  
Str. Spray, 59,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Richard F. Nunan, 27,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 14,000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Maxwell, 900 cod.  
Sch. Sabine, 5100 cod, 600 hake.  
Sch. Esther Gray, 600 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 2200 cod.  
Sch. On Time, 2100 cod.  
Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Florida, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Nautilus, 1600 cod.  
Sch. Nettie, 600 cod.  
Sch. Gracie Freeman, 1300 cod.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, 1500 cod.  
Haddock, \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.25; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$3 to \$5.50; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.35; cusk, \$2.25 to \$3.

## NEW FISH FIRM AT PORTLAND

Fish arrivals reported Thursday were the Katie L. Palmer, 10,000; Edmund F. Black, 8000; Chandler R., 3000.

The biggest fish fare landed at Portland for some time was that brought in Friday by the Marblehead schooner Effie M. Morrissey, Capt. Harry Ross. She hauled for 45,000 pounds of mixed fish, caught off the Cape Shore and in the Bay of Fundy. The schooner received some damage in the heavy gale of Thursday afternoon which she took about 2 p. m. off the Isles of Shoals while hurrying for Boston. The wind headed her off and she was forced to run for Portland instead. For 12 hours the gale continued, the wind blowing with terrific force and heavy seas sweeping over the decks at frequent intervals, but nothing was washed off everything movable being well secured. In the height of the gale the schooner had her jumbo and riding sail blown away and foregaff broken. The Morrissey although hailing from Marblehead, sails out of Digby, N. S. and her entire crew belong at the latter port.

A new wholesale fish house has been established on Long wharf on the premises formerly occupied by the late Charles A. Dyer. The firm doing business will be known as the Long Wharf Fish Co., and is composed of W. R. McDonald of South Portland and Frank R. Neal of Boston. Mr. McDonald is a member of the E. W. Brown Co., the South Portland sardine packing firm.



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## WAS FIVE WEEKS GETTING HERE

### Newfoundland Sch. Gertrude Had Hard Passage—Had to Jettison Part Cargo.

The Newfoundland sch. Gertrude, Capt. Matthews for whose safety some fears have been entertained, arrived here yesterday from St. Lawrence, N. F., with 250,000 salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The Gertrude had a stormy and tempestuous passage being five weeks on her way here. While coming across the Gulf, the captain was obliged to jettison 90 quintals of cured cod on account of a heavy gale which overtook the craft.

Another arrival here this morning is sch. Monitor, Capt. James McDonald from Rose Blanche, N. F., with a cargo of 250,000 pounds of salt cod and 116 quintals cured cod also for the company.

Sch. Senator Gardner one of the Newfoundland herring fleet brings a cargo of 1300 barrels salt herring and 100 barrels pickled herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The craft was 10 days on her passage home.

The largest trip brought in here since the gill netting fleet started operations was landed by steamer Enterprise, which weighed off 35,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly pollock. Most of the gill netters did well yesterday and Saturday, the greater part of the receipts being pollock. On account of the low market on pollock at Boston the past few days, nearly all the trips sold to the splitters to salt.

Three Maine cargoes of cured fish are also here this morning, schs. Lillian, Sadie A. Kimball and Enterprise being consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Alice, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 8400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 4600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Nashawena, gill netting, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Monitor, Rose Blanche, N. F., 250,000 lbs. salt cod, 116 qtls. cured cod.

Sch. Gertrude, St. Lawrence, N. F., 250,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1300 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Lillian, South West Harbor, cured fish.

Sch. Sadie A. Kimball, Rockland, cured fish.

Sch. Enterprise, Swan's Island, cured fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Str. Quady, gill netting, 8300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Minora, gill netting, 2600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Roub Rider, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 4100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 21,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1975 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75, snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 10c per lb.

Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

##### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.

Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

## COONEY STILL THE KING PIN

Sch. Emilia Enos, Capt. Frank Cooney which arrived at Pensacola a few days ago from her second trip to the snapper grounds, had over 50,000 snappers and 14,000 groupers, the largest single fare ever landed at that port. As a result of her trip, the craft stocked \$2100. Capt. Cooney has stocked \$3900 so far in the southern fisheries, realizing \$1800 on the first trip.

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#### Where Maine Stands.

Someone who has a fondness for figures has been delving into the statistics of Maine's fisheries, and announces that the state ranks second among the New England states and seventh among all the states, and that the investment of capital therein approximates \$10,000,000.

#### Will Have Halibut Catcher.

S. S. Lindstrom, cashier of the Scandinavian American Bank of Seattle, and others have formed a syndicate and will build and operate a large halibut schooner.

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## STEAM TRAWLER HAS A GOOD PRIZE

Bound for Boston

With Abandoned

Three Master in Tow.

The steam trawler Spray, Capt. Richard Tobin, picked up a valuable prize yesterday afternoon when she fell in with the three-masted schooner Henry Tilton, lumber laden, which had been abandoned during a gale.

The Tilton was leaking considerably her sails torn and bore unmistakable evidences that she had suffered from the northwest blow which continued

for 52 hours. Not a sign of life was on board, her captain and crew having taken to a boat and abandoned her. The craft was about 95 miles southeast of Highland light at the time, drifting helplessly about.

Capt. Tobin was sighted by Capt. Herbert Green of the steam trawler Swell, which arrived at T wharf this morning and brought the news.

The Spray it is figured should reach harbor today with her tow.

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#### They Mean Business.

A shipment of \$100,000 worth of machinery arrived at Vancouver from England recently and was forwarded to Aliford Bay, Skidegate Inlet, where it will be used in completing the million dollar fishing plant of the British Columbia Fisheries Co. at that place. The New England Fish Co. intends fishing with four boats out of Prince Rupert British Columbia, next season. Several new vessels have been contracted for, and a number of old sealing vessels have been purchased also.

#### Gill Netter Got Adrift.

The gill netting steamer Sunflower, drifted from her wharf at Rocky Neck, Saturday evening and came ashore at Smith's Cove, near Fenton's boat yard. The craft was noticed by Freeman Haughn who telephoned to the police station and notified the owners. The craft was made fast at the cove over night and yesterday morning towed back to her wharf.

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#### Another Porgie Steamer.

The Portland Company has contracted to build another porgie steamer for H. C. Sickler and T. C. Meadows of New York, which is to cost \$95,000 and will be the largest boat of the kind on the Atlantic coast. The hull will be built by the Cobb-Butler Company of Rockland, Maine, and is to be delivered at the Portland Company by May 15. The new steamer will measure 176 feet in length, 26.6 feet beam, 129 feet deep, and her engines will be 900 horse power.

#### Sails Blown Away.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Friday, with nearly all her sails gone in a gale off that port. The craft will make repairs before resuming her trip.

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#### GIFT TO MAINE SENATORS.

Dogfish Models Reminders of Proposed Legislation.

Charles F. Johnson and Obadiah Gardner, United States senators from Maine, will be the recipients of unique Christmas gifts from C. E. Davis of Portland, who has been active in behalf of the extermination of the dogfish. Each of the Senators will receive a fine wooden model of a dogfish inscribed on one side "Teddy Shark," while on the other side will be other interesting reading. Senator Johnson—or Senator Gardner—may read statistics relative to the ravages of the canine of the seas, and the other Senator will find a letter from a dogfish, asking that the bill providing a bounty of the critters be killed. The models are nicely stained and are equipped for key racks.

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## BAD WEATHER AND NO FROST

### Such Is Latest Report From Vessels on Treaty Coast.

Advices from Bonne Bay and the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, states that the weather continued bad there Saturday and yesterday, although there is no sign of frost yet in sight.

All the crafts that went for salt herring in bulk have secured their fares, while those after frozen fares are now only awaiting a frost in order to freeze their fish before starting for home.

#### No Sardine Catch on Coast of France.

There has been no sardine catch this year on the coast of France, and the catch on the Spanish and Portuguese coasts were so slight only millionaires will be able to eat sardines when the present stock is gobbled up.

The people of French Brittany that depend on the sardine catch for their livelihood are facing a famine, and being slow and backward in every respect, the outlook is very bad for them. The average Brittany sardine fisher sells his catch for from 600 to 800 francs. One hundred and sixty dollars a year is about all he earns, while his wife and daughters may bring in \$50 or more, earned in packing houses.

The sardines first began to avoid the French coast 10 years ago, the catches growing gradually less. This year nearly all the factories had to shut down because there are no fish. Only 30 fishing smacks out of 200 gathered a half-way decent amount, less than 400,000 sardines.

Brittany fishers are most unprogressive and will not go out far from shore. Their boats and nets are not up-to-date and the average family, 10 heads strong, seldom earned more than \$200 a year even when the catches were good.

As there are no sardines, sprats have gone up in price. They bring about \$1.20 per 1000 now, and are pretty plentiful this year.

#### Speaks of Station Here.

Speaking of the United States government's effort to prevent the depletion of the fisheries of the Atlantic Coast, Frederick J. Haskin, in a recent article, says:

"A most important feature of this work has been in connection with the cod fisheries along the New England coast. One of the most important of the United States fisheries stations is located at Gloucester. Here are hatched millions of fish eggs each year. When the cod fishermen go out in their boats, sometimes for a trip of seven weeks, they carry with them the apparatus provided by the government for the preservation and the fertilization of the eggs taken from fish. In this way the young fish or fry are raised to supplement those that are hatched in the natural manner. It is claimed that a much larger percentage of the eggs are hatched artificially than in the natural state, as they are kept undisturbed, and the conditions are better. For the securing of these eggs a man hired by the government goes upon the vessels in New England and collects them. In other parts of the country they are frequently brought in to the hatcheries by the fishermen and in some instances are sold to the government."

#### Pensacola Arrivals.

Ten smacks arrived last week at Pensacola, but those that did had good trips from Campechy banks, where all the smacks fish in the winter time. The arrivals were. For E. E. Sanders Company—Nautilus, 2,100 snappers; Ida S. Brooks, 19,160 snappers, 9,210 groupers; Angelina, 10,900 snappers, 3,580 groupers; Louise F. Harper, 28,450 snappers, 7,725 groupers; Thomas J. Carroll, 19,600 snappers, 14,000 groupers; Albert Geiger, 17,075 snappers, 2,205 groupers. For Warren Company—Mary B. Greer, 26,600 snappers, 4,700 groupers.

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#### Halibut Some Scarce.

The situation in halibut is a serious one, for it is impossible to fill orders, says the Fishing Gazette editorial. One broker, in Chicago, has orders for several cars he can't fill, and unless the situation is relieved there will be little doing until spring. The strike, etc., and laying up fishing crafts is the excuse from the coast for the shortage. It may be manipulation.